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Everyone has fun when Mickey Mouse does his Christmas shopping; Mortie and Ferdie have an adventure they don't expect. Mickey hopes you enjoy this book, and the many other Little Golden Books Walt Disney has made for you.

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MORTIE MOUSE dried the breakfast dishes.

Ferdie Mouse swept the floor.

They both made their beds and picked up their clothes.

Because today was the day Uncle Mickey and Aunt Minnie had promised to take them Christmas shopping, if they were very good.

They all rode down town in Uncle Mickey's car. What a wonderful day it was! There were snow flakes spinning in the air. There were frosty breezes to tickle your nose.

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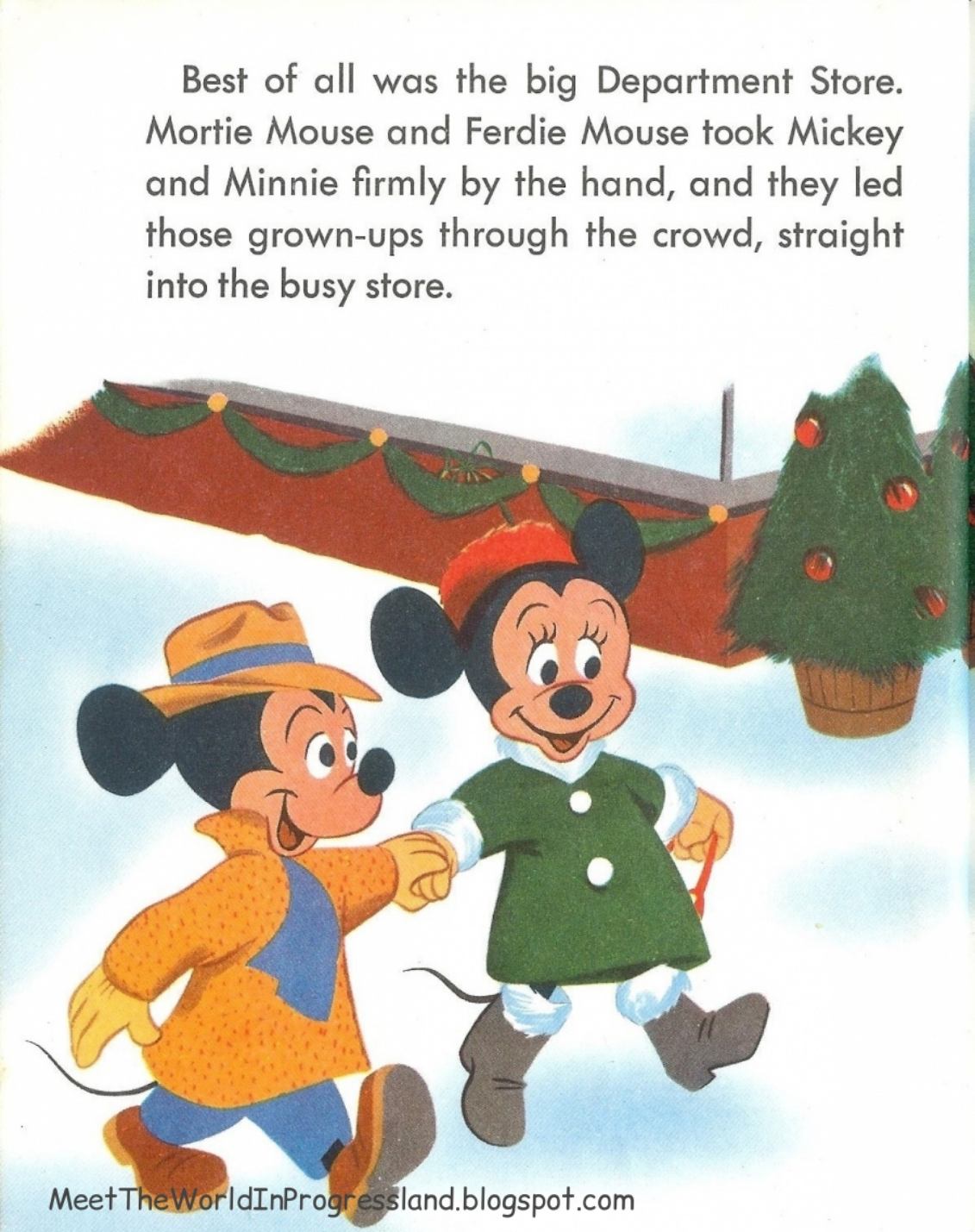
Every street corner was a-tinkle with the sound of Santa's helpers' bells.

Every shop window was a-twinkle with colored lights and toys.

Best of all was the big Department Store. Mortie Mouse and Ferdie Mouse took Mickey and Minnie firmly by the hand, and they led those grown-ups through the crowd, straight into the busy store.



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What a hustle! What a bustle! What a clatter! What a crowd! But Mortie and Ferdie knew where they were going.

Whenever Mickey Mouse or Minnie Mouse tried to hang back to look at sweaters or mittens or socks, Mortie and Ferdie tugged at their hands and pulled them straight ahead. For they had seen a big sign saying TOYS!

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Z-z-zoop! Up they went in an elevator, straight to the Toy Floor.

What a wonderful place it was!

There was a room full of dolls—but they raced by that. There were tables of games, and balls and bats and skis. But Mortie and Ferdie had no time for those.

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"What we want for Christmas are things that go!" they shouted, racing on to the toy cars and trucks and trains, and some extra-special toy airplanes.

"Stay with Uncle Mickey while I go to shop," Minnie whispered to Mortie.

Mickey wanted to buy a present for Minnie, too. "Stay with Aunt Minnie," he told Ferdie. "We'll meet at the car at closing time."

So there were Ferdie and Mortie in the great big Toy Shop on their own!

And what a wonderful time they had! They tried out every single toy that moved!

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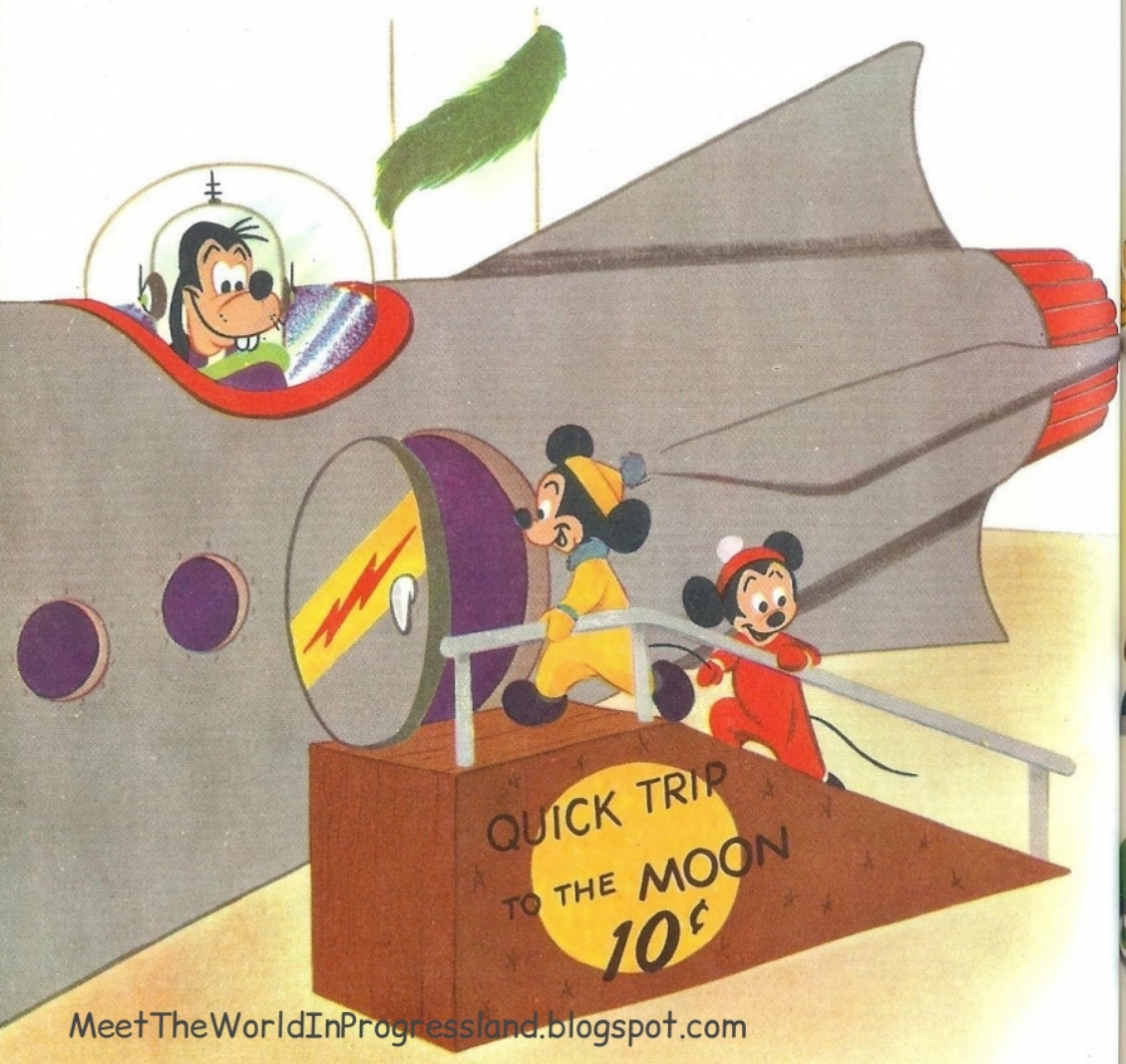
They bought tickets for the space ship, which advertised *Quick Trip to the Moon, 10c.* And during the thrilling ride through space, Mortie and Ferdie fell asleep.



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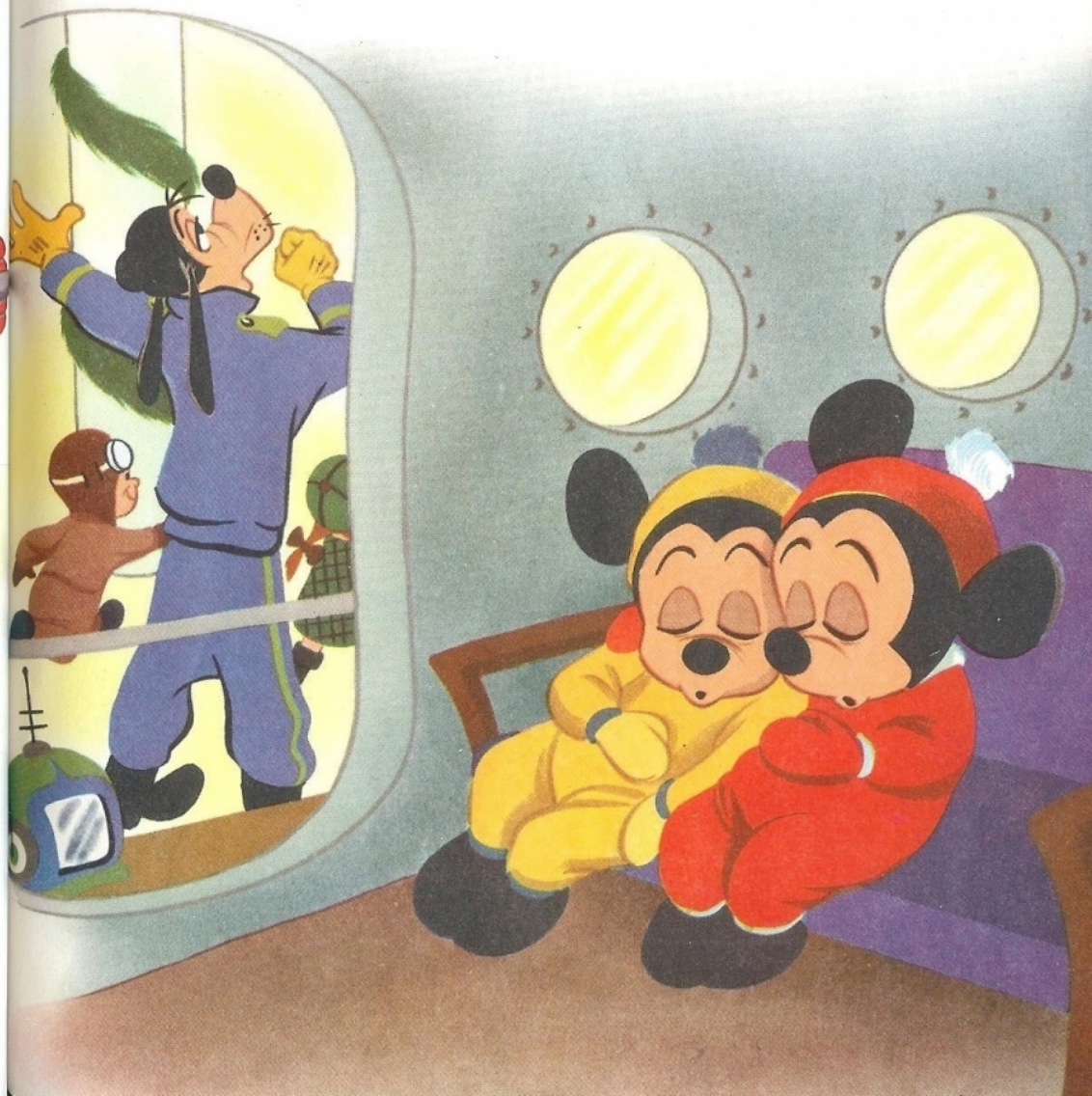
At the end of the ride, the other children piled out. The pilot climbed out of his space suit and stretched.



"Glad this day is over!" he said to the Santa Claus's helper who worked at that store, getting messages from children all day.

Then the pilot went home, and all the toy clerks went home.

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Just then Mortie woke up. He looked around. It was dark and strange. "Where are we, Ferdie?" he asked.

"In the space ship," said Ferdie, waking up too. "Maybe we're on the moon." So they opened the door and peeked cautiously out.

There was the toy department. But how strange it looked now! For everything was shadowy and still. There was plenty of space to drive the toy cars and trains. But the boys did not seem to care.

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Just then they saw a beam of light.

"Let's see what that is," they whispered, both at once. So hand in hand they tiptoed toward the light, squeak, squeak, squeak in the dark.

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When they reached the open door and peeked through, imagine their surprise. For there sat Santa's helper at a desk.

"Well, well," he said, when he saw them there. "What brings you youngsters here this time of day?"

So Mortie Mouse and Ferdie Mouse told him their tale.

"I see," said Santa's helper, with a wise and kindly nod. And he stood up and took them each by one hand.

Then down through that big, still department store they marched with a fine, big clomping sound. Through the big front door they saw Mickey and Minnie Mouse.

"Wherever have you been?" cried Minnie.

"Here they are," said Santa's helper, "as good as new." Then he turned to the boys with a serious look. "Next time you're out shopping you'll stay close to your grown-ups, won't you?"

"Yes, sir," said Mortie and Ferdie Mouse. And they meant it from their hearts.

Then Santa's helper smiled and held open the big door, while they all ran out to the car.

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"See you Christmas Eve!" he called as he waved good-by. "Merry Christmas and Good Night to you all!"

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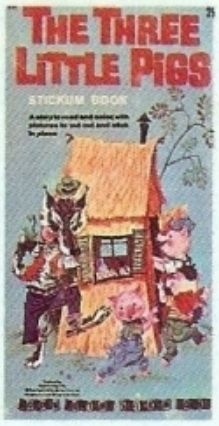

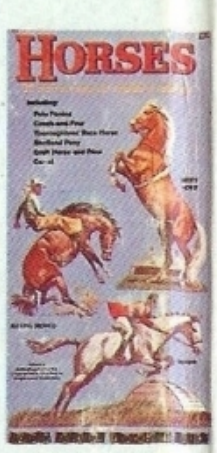

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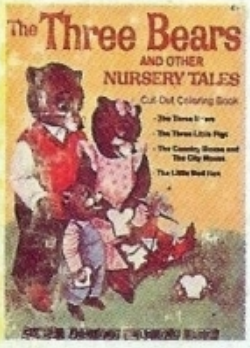

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